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Listed below are additions and changes to the security installations along the Austro-Czech border of Lower Austria which were completed during the period 31 January to 31 March 1955. They are arranged according to districts (Bezirke), from West to east, on the Austrian side of the border.

Bezirk Gmuend

At the end of March 1955, the wooden watch tower 2,100 meters west of Kote 545, near Franzensthal, was dismantled by Czech border police. The tower, which had been erected in August 1953, probably was removed because of storm damage.

Bezirk Hollabrunn

On 31 January 1955, a wire line was installed from Satov to the watch tower which is located 200 meters east of the Mitter Retzbach-Gnadlersdorf road. The line continues from the roof of this watch tower to a pole five meters outside the barbed wire entanglements.1

Bezirk Mistelbach

- At the end of March, the wooden watch tower 150 meters north of the Garschoenerthal road and betwen border points 28/1 - 29/1 was dismantled and removed. This tower had been erected in March 1952.
- A watch tower, approximately 15 meters high, has been erected about 600 meters west of the woods north of Katzelsdorf.
- Since 1 March 1955, the border police in the Breclav sector has been replaced by military personnel. The border police is allegedly receiving military type training. Trains moving between Bernhardsthal and Breclav are being escorted to and from the border by milita e on the trains between these two points.

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